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Rear Admiral R. W. Bates,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

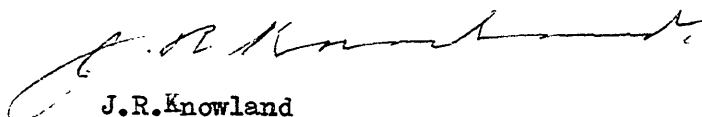
Dear Admiral Bates:

Thanks for your letter of August 1. The Senator got out here a little too late to go up to the Grove, which was a great disappointment. I was happy that you came to the luncheon at Piedmont Camp and met so many of your friends.

I am sure Bill was disappointed that he could not see you. I gave him your regards and told him that you were hopeful that he would be there before the camp disbanded.

Kindly accept the best regards of all the members of our family and extend them to the members of your family.

Sincerely yours,



J.R. Knowland

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Commodore R.W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
U.S. Naval War College
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10th August 1956

Dear Commodore,

When I departed from the U.S. last Fall, I neglected to include you among those to be notified of my change of address. As a consequence, your letter of 19 April has just reached me, apparently after two trips around the world via slow, slow freight. However, it is always a pleasure to hear from you and I certainly hope I may still be of some assistance to you in your historical problems.

If you sent the draft of the operations to me in Millville, I hope it was by registered mail. If so, you probably got it back. If not, it is sure lost in the mill somewhere for I have never seen it. There are two ways to communicate with me over here; (1) to take address of the letterhead above and, (2) c/o AG; NAC - APO 757 - Postmaster, N.Y.

As you can see by the letterhead, since I last corresponded with you I have embarked on a new venture. A.H. (Speed) Graubart (1925) and I have pooled our respective talents and established our headquarters here in Frankfurt/Main. We represent both American and German firms and are engaged primarily in the fields of purchasing, inspection, expediting, liaison and general representative services. We're always looking for more business so if you can stir up any prospective clients for us we would sure appreciate it. Just put in a good word for G and T whenever you get a chance. Our number one asset, as far as American firms are concerned, is that "we are here".

Hereby wishing you the very best in all your pursuits - and good health and happiness to you. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully,

Murray
M.J. Tichenor

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HOWARD B. SPRAGUE, M. D.
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August 13, 1956

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral:

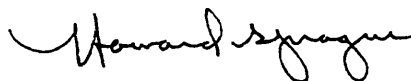
I was happy to get your letter of August 9, telling me about meeting a Bostonian who apparently knows my plans. I cannot place anyone by the name of Rivers, but I suppose he is one of the younger boys who knows my daughter and her husband.

We are flying to Stockholm on August 23 and, after attending the International Cardiac Congress there, we shall fly on September 16 by Scandinavian Airlines across the northern route direct to Los Angeles. We will take the first connecting flight to San Francisco, arriving that evening. According to my daughter's schedule, she will have her baby sometime while we are on our European trip, and we plan to be with them for only two days.

You might get in touch with my son-in-law, Dr. William Manson, who has an office in San Rafael, a few days before my arrival, and it might work out best if I examined your brother at his office, that is to say, Bill Manson's office.

I was glad to hear about your successful trip. I think most of us would feel the altitude at Lake Tahoe for a while. Incidentally, my old Navy friend, Dr. Tracy Cuttle, who is now a Captain, is a member of the Bohemian Club and, I believe, is stationed in the San Francisco area. By all means, look him up, as he is not only a splendid Naval officer, but a delightful companion. We fought part of the war together in New Zealand before he went up through the Slot and got his decorations.

Most cordially yours,



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16 August 1956

Dear Admiral Bates,

Admiral Bergen has asked me to thank you very much for your nice letter of 6 August.

He arrived back in New York a few days ago, and is now recuperating at the Jersey seashore. His doctors have been amazed at his rapid recovery, and although the news of Admiral McCormick's sudden passing came as a great emotional shock to him, I am sure he will be back here and making plans for the future before very long.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bernadette Bolling
Secretary to
John J. Bergen

Rear Adm. R. W. Bates, USN
Naval War College

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NEWPORT

R.I.

August 20, 1956

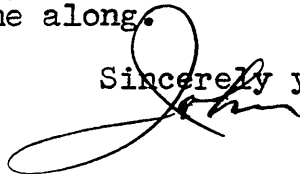
Dear Batesy:

Many thanks for your kind message of sympathy -- I need it.

Maisie was a dear sweet creature with a very sunny disposition and our two years of married life were without question the happiest of my life.

It is going to be difficult to readjust myself but the sympathy of friends like you helps to carry me along.

Sincerely yours,



Adm. Richard W. Bates
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island

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NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

27 August 1956

Rear Adm. R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

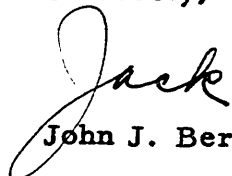
I am still at Spring Lake and expect to be here for some time.

I have discussed the matter which you talked to me about (Tom) with my friend in Washington who agrees with both you and I that your idea is a sound one. As you know, Charlie Thomas has been away in Europe and either returned yesterday or is due back today. It will interest you to know, however, that the No. 2 man will discuss it with Charlie when and as the opportunity presents itself. It is possible that I will be in touch with Arleigh before the end of this week. I will keep you advised.

I am still in drydock and in all probability, will not be back to the office before 1 October. However, I am in constant touch with the office so I can always be reached through my secretary, Miss Botting.

I want you to know that I think Tom is the best man in the Navy for that particular job, and you can be sure that I will discretely boost the idea along. I will keep in touch with you. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


John J. Bergen

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Dict. by telephone

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Sept. 1st

Dear Commodore:

Thank you kindly for the note and the sentiments regarding my selection -- considering the large number that were passed over, I consider myself most fortunate!

The selection was the one bright note in a series of gloomy events for us. Quickly summed up, it goes like this. Our landlord very inconveniently died a little while ago and in the lease, I learned at a later date, was a little overlooked clause about "heirs and assigns have the right..." leading to our eviction before I left the area. So we got a house and moved to Arlington (I had my orders) on the 1st of August. We got settled in jig time, but on a routine shopping trip the following Saturday, we were struck from behind, causing practically a total wreck to the car and a fracture of Irene's shoulder (right). I received minor injuries of the left hand and leg. Poor Irene has been suffering pretty bad as a result of it and may be immobilized for about 4 months. Of course, I had to return to my job awaiting detachment which will be about 21 September. So, I packed Irene and the kids off to Maine where they discovered upon arrival that her father had broken his leg (about 70) and was hobbling around in a cast. The gentleman (?) who struck us was quite drunk and a fellow naval officer -- Jack H. Lewis '27 retired. My insurance company, common to both of us, is taking care of my car and the medical expenses. Litigation, if any, will come later when we find out the extent of Irene's injuries.

The situation develops rapidly. Plans of any sort get knocked in a cocked hat in a hurry, and as some bard put it "gang aft agley" or something. Your timely note was most cheering.

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and health, with a solution for all your problems. I can understand about the arrival of new material, because I have seen

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a lot of Japanese material appear in the market, the most recent being TGG's book in the U. S. News & World Report. Has anything new come to light on Surigao? I would be most interested in that.

So much for this time. After Sept 21st my address will be 2320 - N. Stuart St., Arlington 7, Va. I haven't any idea where my next job will be yet, but my Washington scouts are working for me. Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Charlie Marine

ps I was most shocked to hear about Admiral McCormick's passing so suddenly. The Navy lost a brilliant naval officer!

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HAVERFORD COLLEGE
HAVERFORD, PA.

3 Sept. 56

Dear Commodore:

This returns your talk, which I read with great pleasure and real profit. I'm sorry that I can't be on hand to hear its presentation.

I recommend not trying to link it with any of my preceding stuff. Although the two bodies of material are related alright, you'd have to take a certain amount of time to demonstrate the connection if you wanted to be sure you weren't confusing your audience. And I don't think you'd be justified in sacrificing any of your own excellent material in order to do this.

On the other hand, I don't think anyone will come away from your lecture feeling that any contradictions have developed.

Yours very sincerely,

William Reitzel

William Reitzel

Commodore Ralph Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport
Rhode Island

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HAVERFORD COLLEGE
HAVERFORD, PA.

9 Sept 56

Dear Commodore:

Obviously our letters of September 3rd crossed.
Thank you very much for yours.

I always hope that time will develop for us to settle down for a long talk and if it does not happen soon time will have to be made. Unfortunately, my visit on the 18th is a real rush and I must come back by the afternoon train; but I hope that something can be arranged within the year. I feel a need for a chat -- truly and seriously.

A single note might be added in extension of the reasons I gave you in my previous letter for not trying to link our two talks. The fact is that mine is still on the abstract level of generalization and yours is concrete and particularized. There are no contradictions and really no confusions as between them; but there is a bridge to be crossed. Neither of us have the time to cross it and, as things now are, neither of us should take the time to try to cross it.

Thank you for the slides. I did quite well without them; but I was very glad to see and study them at leisure. Unless I hear from you that you need them immediately, I will bring them up with me on the 18th, for I understood that they were a second set.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

William Reitzel

William Reitzel

Commodore R.W. Bates, USN
The Naval War College
Newport
Rhode Island

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC
AND
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C/O FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Baguio, P.I.
8 September 1956

Dear Dick:

I have just received here in Baguio, Philippines, your letter of 29 August.

I hope that your niece will get in touch with someone at my headquarters who will take care of her at least for a trip around Pearl Harbor. I am sorry you did not write me earlier so that I could have taken care of it by leaving instructions.

We were all shocked at the Flag Officers' Conference in Monterey to have news come in of Lynde McCormick's death.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

FELIX B. STUMP,
Admiral, U. S. Navy.

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, U. S. Navy (Ret)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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September 14

Dear Pafe,

I thank you for your letter and the copies of Louis's remarks. I am glad he has gotten his orders as President not only for his sake, but a continuity for the college this year would seem to be best.

I am sure I am indebted to you for the smaller sketches of Lyndis "career", and I do appreciate having them. I should have thanked you sooner, but I haven't written letters even to the family - only concentrated on the hundreds of notes. I finally took the dispatches, I spoke to you about, to Washington and Whipple is going to let me know how to address them. He also took me to the Navy Mutual Aid office where they attended to all the

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insurance matters. It is a most helpful service, and I can't begin to tell you how helpful wonderful they have been to me.

I am leaving for California on the 27th, Lynde Jr. driving half way where Jett will join us, and take over the rest of the trip. The boys have been so perfectly wonderful in every way - Lynde would have been so proud of them. I will go to Seattle for a short time, then to San Francisco to stay long enough to find out whether that should be my home. However our old address - 2044 - First Avenue San Diego 1, will always reach me.

You have spoken so often of your pride in Lynde - I am sorry you haven't been near enough to read the wonderful letters I have had from all over the world. Lynde makes his contribution in world affairs not only officially but in friendships.

Please give my love to some many

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of the dear friends in Newport
who made old years there such
happy ones.

Affectionately,

Lid.

Looking over this awful scrawl I
realize I am still not up to better
writing - but if I don't send this
too much time will go by before I
attempt another.

I find I haven't mentioned Lynde's
portrait. I would like very much
to see any of the work pertaining
to it - it means a great deal to me.

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COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING COMMAND
ATLANTIC FLEET
U. S. NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE
LITTLE CREEK, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

18 September 1956

Dear Admiral,

Thank you for your very nice letter of 12 September.

I agree with you that Miss O'Marr is indeed of very high calibre and we consider ourselves most fortunate to secure her services. It took me nearly a year to de-louse the Club we have down here.

I would like nothing better than a visit to Newport - but do you think the town is big enough to hold you, Spike, and myself at the same time? However, maybe after the fall PhibEx I can get up there.

Again thanks for your letter. Please give my best to Spike, Tommy Robbins, and Willie Doyle.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

D. C. Varian

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MRS. R. ALEXANDER ANDERSON
2954 MAKALEI STREET
HONOLULU 15, HAWAII

Sept. 18, 1956

Dear Dickey:

What fun to hear from you after such an age! We are still here, still radiating (as you call it!), and would be delighted to hear from and meet your charming niece who, up to this point, has not made any contact with us.

Our own clan, Anderson, has grown to sizeable proportions in numbers. Three of the loveliest daughter-in-laws, our own very loveliest and most attractive of all 24 year old gals, Pamela, still heart whole and fancy free, and we number nine vest-pocket editions of the cutest, most-fun little Andersons you ever saw! Our days are rich and full, happy to overflowing because we all love each other (believe it or not, Dickey, I'm NOT a bitch Mother-in-law!!...my gals go their way and I, "free as a breeze" go mine and I find it is a terrific "deal"!!)

Andy is busier than the bee going after it's honey, having not only the presidency of von Hamm-Young Co. to capably handle, but having been honored by given the unanimous vote for District Governor of Rotary for this year. It means a heavy schedule but we've met challenges before and always managed to have a lot of fun doing them, so thus far, we are enjoying our treks from island to island to address the 13 clubs of District 1504

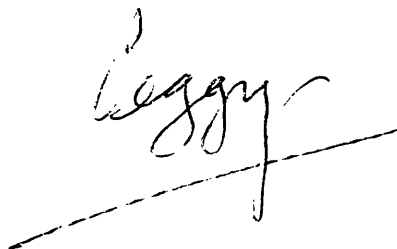
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MRS. R. ALEXANDER ANDERSON
2954 MAKALEI STREET
HONOLULU 15, HAWAII

We saw the delightful Spruances in May when we were for a weekend at Pebble Beach en route to Lake Placid, N.Y. where Andy went to attend the International Assembly of Rotary. The Spruances are dears and are beloved in Pebble Beach. It is a joy to have seen the new home Ruth sold to Emmy and Swede Overesh and which Margaret and Raymond helped select. I just had a letter from Em and she is sunk over the Suez situation and the prospect that they may have to delay their plans to make a trip out here for Xmas with little Emmy and Jay Castle. She says London is very deeply gloomy; I guess we all feel that way over it.

Andy joins me in best Aloha to you and be assured that we will be most happy to include your niece in the happy times we and our young have when we get together if she will but call us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 18, 1956

Dear Rafe:

Your thoughtful letter of the thirteenth just received -- I, too, am sorry that I could not find time to talk with you during my recent hurried visit to Newport. I would have enjoyed it.

But aside from the pleasure of visiting with you, I doubt if anything new would have been developed because I find myself in complete accord with your views. In fact, I go a little further than you -- I have arrived at the conclusion that the crux of all our problems lies in the quality of leadership, that is, the character and capabilities of the commander in each echelon.

We can plug a hole here and there as a matter of expediency but if we do not elevate the quality of leadership, we miss the boat. Indeed, if in effectively plugging a hole, we inadvertently detract from the importance of command, the net result will be derogatory to the Service as a whole.

This is an interesting job. Just how much we will be able to accomplish remains to be seen. Anyway, we are giving it a try.

Again, many thanks for your letter.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Bill

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Admiral, USN (Ret)

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, R. I.

SEP 24 1956


Dear Commodore Bates:

I wish to express my appreciation for your outstanding address to the staff and Naval Warfare Students on 19 September.

It was a privilege for the staff and students to benefit from the experience and convictions of an officer so well qualified to speak on "Command Decisions". Your well considered remarks during both the lecture and the stimulating question period will be of great value to the officers in their future assignments in the Navy.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


THOMAS H. ROBBINS, JR.
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Head, World War II Battle Evaluation Group
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